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In re Application of

Terunori KONDO et al.

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DEVICE

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Patent Art Unit: 3736

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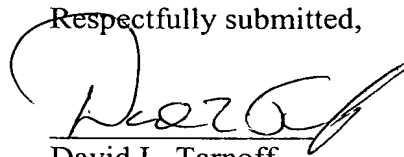
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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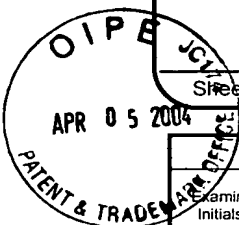
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